Faculty of Arts
School of History

Teaching Fellow in Medieval History

Fixed term from September 2015 until 30 June 2016

The School of History seeks to appoint a temporary Teaching Fellow in Medieval History while Dr Emilia Jamroziak is on research leave in Germany, holding a Humbold Foundation Fellowship, during the academic year 2015-16.

With relevant teaching experience in Medieval History in Higher Education, you will hold a doctorate in a relevant field, or be very close to the submission of a doctoral thesis. An interest in ecclesiastical and religious history would be an advantage.

University Grade 7 (£31,342 - £37,394 p.a.)

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor Graham Loud, tel. +44(0)113 343 3601, email G.A.Loud@leeds.ac.uk; or to Dr Emilia Jamroziak, tel. + 44(0)113 343 3592, email E.M.Jamroziak@leeds.ac.uk

Closing Date: 11 January 2015

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Click here for further information about working at the University of Leeds
www.leeds.ac.uk/info/20025/university_jobs
Job Description

Responsible to: Head of School
Reports to: Head of School

Main duties and responsibilities

Teaching

To provide temporary cover for the current post holder, you will be expected to teach the following modules (follow the links for further details about these modules)

HIST 1090 Medieval and Renaissance Europe (Semester One: 20 credits)


Perhaps HIST 1300 Primary Sources (Semester Two: 20 credits) [depending on the overall teaching load]


HIST 2110 The Cult of Saints (Semester Two: 20 credits)


HIST 2112 Medieval Jewish Communities (Semester One: 20 credits)


Special Subject

HIST 3290 Popular Belief in the Medieval West (Semesters One and Two, 40 credits)


Supervision of level three dissertations (40 credits)


You will also be asked to make some contribution to the teaching of the following team-taught modules

MEDV 3310 Magic and Supernatural (Semester Two: 20 credits).

At MA level:


MEDV 5295 Religious Communities and the Individual Experience of Religion, 1200-1500 (Semester One: 30 credits)


Additionally you will be expected to:

- Administer and document all the modules you teach (in collaboration with other academic and support staff as appropriate)
- Be fully involved in the assessment of coursework and examinations, module and programme review and other quality assurance mechanisms, this may include the administration of the ‘Turnitin’ system
- Discharge efficiently the administrative and assessment tasks associated with teaching in the School and the Institute for Medieval Studies and to provide pastoral advice and guidance to students
- Participate actively in external relations activities of the School, e.g., Open Days, Widening Participation activities, knowledge transfer activities etc
- Take initiatives in personal development and to attend such courses and events as may be appropriate
- Attend staff meetings, to contribute constructively to the management of the School’s business
- Undertake any other duties which may be commensurate within the role and grade as requested by the Head of School

Career Expectations

The University of Leeds is committed to developing its staff. All staff participate in the Staff Review and Development scheme and we continue to work with individuals, supporting them to maximise their potential.

Progression to a higher grade is dependent on an individual taking on an increased level of responsibility. Vacancies that arise within the area or across the wider University are advertised on the HR website - http://jobs.leeds.ac.uk - to allow staff to apply for wider career development opportunities.

University Values

All staff are expected to operate in line with the University’s values and standards, which work as an integral part of our strategy and set out the principles of how we work together. More information about the University’s strategy and values is available at http://www.leeds.ac.uk/comms/strategy/.
Person Specification

Essential

- You will be expected to possess a First or Upper Second Class Honours degree in History or a cognate discipline
- You will hold a doctorate in a relevant field, or be very close to submission of a doctoral thesis
- You will have relevant teaching experience in Medieval History at HE level (Higher Education), and a strong commitment to developing teaching skills
- You will be required to possess good interpersonal, communication, and time-management skills
- You will demonstrate ability to set priorities in your academic and professional activities, to work effectively without close supervision, and to assume responsibility for teaching and administration
- You will demonstrate a readiness to take on administrative and developmental responsibilities associated with teaching

Desirable

- An interest in ecclesiastical and religious history
Additional Information

The University offers generous terms and conditions of employment, a wide range of benefits, services, facilities and family friendly policies. Full details are available on the Human Resources web pages accessible at www.leeds.ac.uk/hr

The Partnership

The Partnership has been developed by students and staff and describes the mutual expectations of us all as members of the University of Leeds community. More information about the Partnership is available at http://partnership.leeds.ac.uk

University of Leeds Teaching and Research Award (ULTRA)

The Senate of the University has agreed that all newly appointed early career academic staff with a contract of 50% of full time equivalent and above will be required to complete the relevant pathway of the University of Leeds Teaching and Research Award (ULTRA) unless they meet specified exemption criteria. Whether or not this applies to you will be decided as part of the appointment process.

Further details of the ULTRA are available at http://www.sddu.leeds.ac.uk/sddu-ultra.html

Academic staff with contracts of less than 50% of full time equivalent may take the appropriate pathway of ULTRA that relates to your role. This will be decided by the School in conjunction with SDDU.

Disclosure and Barring Service checks

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check is not required for this position. However, applicants who have unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings, including any pending criminal proceedings must indicate this in the ‘other personal details’ section of the application form and send details to the Recruitment Officer at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Disabled Applicants

The post is located in the School of History, Michael Sadler Building. Disabled applicants wishing to review access to the building are invited to contact the department direct. Additional information may be sought from the Recruitment Officer, email disclosure@leeds.ac.uk or tel + 44 (0)113 343 1723.

Disabled applicants are not obliged to inform employers of their disability but will still be covered by the Equality Act once their disability becomes known.

Further information for applicants with disabilities, impairments or health conditions is available in the applicant guidance.
Further information about the School

The School of History at the University of Leeds was established in 1877 and is one of the largest in the country with more than 40 academic staff, including 11 professors. It has strengths in both research and teaching across the following historical areas: medieval, European, British, military, international, economic and social, North American and Wider World. The Institute for Medieval Studies became part of the School of History in 2012, and all postgraduate work in medieval history is now under the direction of the Institute, the current director of which is Prof Julia Barrow. The IMS is responsible for the International Medieval Congress, held in Leeds every July, the largest academic conference in the Humanities in Europe, and has since 1967 published the *International Medieval Bibliography*, a key research tool for all medievalists.

The School provides undergraduate teaching for 2 single honours schemes and 25 joint honours schemes, bringing the total number of registered undergraduates in 2014-15, including students from other departments registered as electives, to over 1000. The Institute for Medieval Studies, which includes colleagues from other schools, currently offers MA in both medieval history and inter-disciplinary medieval studies The School also offers taught MA schemes in modern history, social and cultural history, and race and resistance, and will offer a new MA in War and Strategy from 2016. We also offer MA, M Phil and PhD degrees by research. Members of the School’s staff contribute to interdisciplinary activities within and beyond the Faculty of Arts. The Institute for Medieval Studies currently has 22 students registered on its two MA courses, and 33 postgraduate research students. There are a further 52 postgraduate research students in the rest of the School. The lively research student community participates in workshops and conferences within the School, in the UK, and internationally, with recent visits to Australia, Russia, Brazil and North America.

The research of our medieval historians currently covers a wide range of British and European history, with a particular expertise in papal and ecclesiastical history, medieval Germany, the Crusades and more generally the Mediterranean world in the central Middle Ages.

Research is fostered by a flexible system of sabbatical leave and the provision of research allowances. The Faculty of Arts supports attendance at international conferences, and offers pump-priming grants for larger research projects which will attract external funding. The School’s staff and students benefit from the outstanding collections of the University’s Brotherton Library, one of the leading research libraries in the UK. Its holdings encompass three million volumes, and the Library provides access to numerous digital resources and has an active digitisation strategy. Nearly 200,000 books and hundreds of thousands of manuscripts are held in Special Collections. [http://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections-guide](http://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections-guide)

The Yorkshire Archaeological Society archive and library is in the process of being transferred to the Brotherton. The Library also houses the Roth collection on Jewish studies, and a number of other specialised holdings, including a fine collection of published medieval chartularies, which is particularly strong on French and south Italian history. Research is also facilitated by the proximity of the British Library at Boston Spa.
The School's current full-time medievalists, and their fields of activity, are:

- Professor Graham A. Loud (currently head of School), the Norman and Staufen kingdom of Sicily, the Crusades, and Staufen Germany
- Professor Ian Wood (Professor of Early Medieval History, who will, however, shortly be retiring), Merovingian history, the Church in the early Middle Ages and the historiography of the Barbarian invasions
- Dr Emilia Jamroziak (Senior Lecturer): ecclesiastical and monastic history, especially that of the Cistercians
- Dr Iona McCleery (Lecturer), medical history, especially in the Iberian peninsula, exploration in the late Middle Ages
- Dr Guy Perry (Lecturer, fixed-term), the Crusades and French history in the central Middle Ages

The Institute for Medieval Studies has the following academic staff:

- Professor Julia Barrow (Director of the Institute), ecclesiastical history c. 800-1300
- Dr Alan Murray (Senior Lecturer, Editor of the *International Medieval Bibliography*), Crusader history, especially that of the Baltic Crusades, medieval chivalry
- Dr Melanie Brunner (Lecturer, part-time), the Avignon papacy and the Franciscans
- Dr Marta Cobb (Teaching Fellow: part-time, late medieval literature)
- Dr William Flynn (Lecturer, part-time), medieval Latin, and intellectual history, medieval music
- Mr Axel Müller (Director of the International Medieval Congress), warfare in the late Middle Ages

Early Modern Historians within the School, who work closely with the medievalists, include:

- Prof Stephen Alford, Tudor political and governmental history, the City of London in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries
- Dr Rafe Hallett (Associate Professor), print culture, persecution and toleration in the early modern period
- Dr Alexandra Bamji (Lecturer), Venice, death and life-cycles in the early modern period
- Dr Sara Barker (Lecturer), sixteenth- and seventeenth-century France, early modern communications
For members of the Institute for Medieval Studies from other Schools within the university, see:
http://www.leeds.ac.uk/arts/people/20046/institute_for_medieval_studies/